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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S REPLY TO MACEACHEN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER OF AUGUST 4, 1976 FROM
JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA TO CANADIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER MACEACHEN OF AUGUST 5, 1976.

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER TRANSMITTED TO ME ON
JULY 27, 1976 BY HIS EXCELLENCY BRUCE RANKIN, AMBASSADOR
OF CANADA TO JAPAN. I ALSO READ WITH INTEREST AND AP-
PRECIATION THE REPORT ON YOUR CONTACT WITH DR. PEREZ
GUERRERO IN NEW YORK.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND
RESPECT TO YOU FOR THE ABLE LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION
YOU HAVE THUS FAR DEMONSTRATED AS CO-CHAIRMAN FOR THE
CAUSE OF A CONSTRUCTIVE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE CIEC.

IT IS A MATTER OF REGRET THAT THE JULY SESSION OF
THE COMMISSIONS, HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SENIOR
OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING WHICH WAS CONCLUDED WITH A SUCCESS

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THANKS TO YOUR STRENUOUS EFFORTS, DID NOT PRODUCE FINAL

AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAMS FOR THE LATTER HALF OF THE YEAR.

I LIGHT OF THE POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONFERENCE, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE DIALOGUE IN THE CIEC SHOULD BE CONTINUED BEYOND SEPTEMBER. IT WOULD BE MOST DISAPPOINTING IF THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE INTERRUPTED AT ALL DUE TO DISAGREEMENT ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

ACCORDINGLY, MY GOVERNMENT SEES IT URGENT AND NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION WHICH WILL SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMMODATE THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF THE TWO GROUPS. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WILL ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL ON THE BASIS OF THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE LAST MEETING.

IN CARRYING OUT THIS TASK, YOU WILL BE ASSURED OF MY SUPPORT TO YOUR EFFORTS AS WELL AS OF MY GOVERNMENT'S REAFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPANTS SO THAT AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED ON THE FINAL WORDING OF THE WORK PROGRAMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I AM CONVINCED THAT, IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACE US, IT IS MORE THAN EVER IMPORTANT FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPANTS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COORDINATION OF VIEWS AMONG THEMSELVES. I HOPE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL KEEP CLOSE CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, ON PROGRESS OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S CONTACT AND ON OTHER MATTERS OF CURRENT MUTUAL CONCERN.

LET ME AGAIN EXPRESS MY HIGHEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EFFORTS AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CIEC, AS WELL AS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE WOULD BE EQUALLY SHARED BY OTHER INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPANTS AND THUS WOULD HELP FACILITATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE DIFFICULT TASK LYING AHEAD OF US.

YOURS SINCERELY,

KIICHI MIYAZAWA

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS"

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